

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 15-31 are pending in this application.

Claims 15, 20, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 U. S. C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Williams *et al.* (5,470,823). Claim 15 has been amended to show that the surfactant has the structure $\text{RNH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OX}$, which is not anticipated by Williams. Claim 20 has been canceled. As to claims 24 and 25, Williams' formula II does not anticipate the alkyl-aminopropionic acid or propionate, or coco-aminopropionate of amended claim 15..

Claims 30 and 31 are rejected under 35 U. S. C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams *et al.* (5,470,823) in view of Root (3,254,179). As the method of amended claim 15 is not the method of Williams, it is not obvious to use the friction-reducing additive of Root in the method of claim 15.

Claims 15-19 and 26-30 are rejected under 35 U. S. C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Blauch *et al.* (5,310,002). The surfactant structure in amended claim 15 is not anticipated by Blauch.

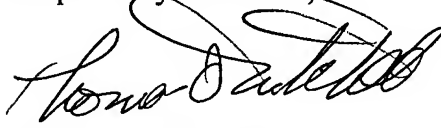
Claim 31 is rejected under 35 U. S. C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blauch *et al.* (5,310,002), and further in view of Root (3,254,179). As the method of amended claim 15 is not the method of Blauch, it is not obvious to use the friction-reducing additive of Root in the method of claim 15. Blauch teaches at col. 11, lines 38-41, that selection of a specific additive will depend upon factors that include "the exact nature of the composition".

Claims 21-23 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claim 21 has been canceled. Claims 22 and 23 are dependent upon amended claim 15.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should any additional fees be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 04-1579 (56.0553DIV(CIP)).

Respectfully submitted,



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